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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Glendale – Suspect in Kansas 'Swatting' Hoax was Convicted of Making Bomb Threats in 2015**

(U) A man convicted of making false bomb threats to ABC News in 2015 is the same person arrested for a hoax call that led to a Kansas home where an innocent man was fatally shot by police on 28 December. The suspect placed the fake 9-1-1 call, pretending to be the shooting victim, warning police that he killed his father and was holding his mother and sibling hostage. Police responded, and when the victim opened the front door, police told him to put his hands up and move slowly. The man allegedly moved his hand toward his waistband and, fearing he was reaching for a gun, an officer fired a single shot that struck and killed the man, who turned out to be unarmed.

SOURCE: 30 December 2017, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Los Angeles - Police Officer Wounded in 'Ambush' Shooting**

(U) A Los Angeles police officer was shot and wounded on 29 December in what authorities described as an ambush attack in the Westlake District. The suspect allegedly fired multiple rounds from "a significant distance" at officers conducting an unrelated investigation, striking one of them in the thigh. The injured officer, who was with her training partner at the time, was then hospitalized at the County-USC Medical Center. A 28-year-old suspect was later taken into custody.

SOURCE: 31 December 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

**(U) Natomas – Large Marijuana Operation Busted as Authorities Ramp-Up Enforcement**

(U) A San Francisco couple are accused of operating a large-scale marijuana cultivation operation involving multiple properties in the Sacramento area. The accused couple is facing fines of more than \$500,000, perhaps the largest such penalty ever issued by Sacramento, according to an official. The lawsuit appears to be the first of its kind since the city began increasing its enforcement of illegal marijuana growing operations in residential properties earlier this year. City police and marijuana regulators estimated over the summer there may be as many as 1,000 homes in Sacramento being used to illegally grow pot, and several city council members demanded tougher enforcement.

SOURCE: 31 December 2017, [Sacramento Bee](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Colorado – Suspect in Shooting that Killed, Injured Police had Triggered Warnings by School**

(U) Denver – The man authorities say killed one Colorado sheriff's deputy and wounded four others on 31 December was an Iraq War veteran who allegedly made threats to the law school from which he graduated years earlier. The suspect had earlier caused two disturbance calls, the second of which resulted in the suspect allegedly shooting officers "very, very quickly" in what the sheriff described as an "ambush-type of attack." Two civilians in neighboring apartments were shot during the standoff but the injuries were not considered life-threatening. The suspect had previously posted alarming messages on his Facebook page and as a result, university police opened a probe and notified law enforcement.

SOURCE: 1 January 2018, [ABC News](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Virginia – FBI Raid at Residence was Part of Investigation into Possible ISIS Supporter**

(U) Sterling – Court documents state that the FBI raid at a Sterling, VA home on 29 December was part of an investigation into a possible "radicalized" ISIS supporter. The documents say that the suspect, a Pittsburgh, PA man who moved to Sterling, is accused of destroying and hiding items like a thumb drive and memory chip to obstruct the FBI investigation of him. In February 2016, a family member told the FBI that the suspect had converted to Islam, was possibly radicalized, and approved of westerners being beheaded. The court documents also say that an unnamed co-conspirator said in July that the suspect was interested in joining ISIS, attacking the United States, and gave her instructions on making homemade bombs.

SOURCE: 30 December 2017, [WJLA News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Indonesia – Indonesia to add Hundreds of Counter-Terrorism Police to Monitor ISIS**

(U) Jakarta – Indonesia's counter-terrorist police force is to get 600 extra personnel next year to monitor ISIS networks and head off so-called lone wolf attacks, the chief of police in the world's largest Muslim-majority country said on 29 December. Hundreds of investigators and surveillance personnel will join an existing force of about 500 officers at Detachment 88, a police unit tasked with uprooting militant networks and foiling attacks. It is due to increasing 'lone wolf' activity and the dynamics of ISIS networks around the world, according to officials. Indonesia has seen a resurgence in homegrown militancy in recent years, largely inspired by ISIS. Hundreds of Indonesians are believed to have traveled to Syria to join the group, but many have returned as ISIS lost territory.

SOURCE: 29 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Turkey – Turkey Detains 20 Suspected ISIS Members, Including 15 Foreigners**

(U) Istanbul – Turkish police have detained 20 people, including 15 foreign nationals, on suspicion of links to ISIS during raids in Istanbul, tightening security ahead of the anniversary of a nightclub attack in which dozens were killed. The raids by the anti-terrorist branch of the Istanbul police took place on 30 December and targeted four locations across the city, according to police. The state-run Anadolu news agency said the suspects were believed to have been planning an attack during New Year's Eve celebrations in the city.

SOURCE: 31 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Police Arrest Fifth Man Over Suspected Plot to Attack UK**

(U) Sheffield – A fifth man has been arrested as part of an investigation into a possible terrorist plot to attack the United Kingdom, according to police. Counter-terror officers arrested a 21-year-old man in Sheffield on 29 December on suspicion of preparing acts of terror, and two buildings were searched in the north of the city in connection with the alleged plot. The raids follow the arrests of four men in Sheffield and nearby Chesterfield before Christmas. The UK threat level for terrorism remains at severe, meaning an attack is considered highly likely.

SOURCE: 30 December 2017, [The Guardian](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) California – Border Patrol Agent Hospitalized After Hit with Rock**

(U) Otay Mesa – A US Border Patrol (CBP) agent was hospitalized after being hit with a grapefruit-sized rock while patrolling the border on his all-terrain vehicle on 30 December, according to a federal official. The agent was traveling about 20 mph in southwest Otay Mesa when the rock struck him in the chest and he crashed. The injured agent pushed the vehicle off and called for help. When other agents arrived,

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they spotted a group of people south of the border fence that they suspected were trying to enter the country illegally. The CBP agents used tear gas to disperse the group and informed authorities in Mexico, who assisted in the process. The last 24 hours have been particularly busy along the border—in the area where the assault occurred, CBP agents discovered seven places where the border fence had been breached, resulting in more than 100 arrests.

SOURCE: 31 December 2017, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

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